

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Certain thoughts are prayers; there are moments when the soul is kneeling, no matter what the attitude of the body may be.—Victor Hugo.

## ALL TOGETHER!

A great deal too much fuss has been made about alleged disagreement between Fort and Bishop street merchants over the plans for a New Year's Eve celebration. The Bishop street merchants, being out of the zone wherein hoodlums and over-zealous celebration sometimes interfere with Christmas Eve shopping, naturally do not want to concentrate their energies on stopping the present Christmas celebration and promoting one a week later. The Fort street merchants are just as anxious to switch the merry-making dates.

However, the plans being worked out are mutually satisfactory and as the leaders of both sections are bending their energies to the same end—that of stimulating legitimate business—the result will be an effective and good-natured arrangement wherein the general public profits by getting two celebrations instead of one. The Bishop street merchants will give a band concert on Christmas Eve from 9 to 12 o'clock and will promote a holiday street carnival on Bishop street. A week later the Fort street merchants will pull off the second celebration on Bishop street.

No businessman of acumen objects to filling the streets with holiday crowds so long as the crowds do not interfere with actual shoppers. The plan now agreed upon seems to be an excellent one. The Christmas Eve celebration will draw the merely curious spectators and non-buying crowd over to Bishop street, and Fort street will have plenty of room and plenty of time to sell its holiday wares. And on Bishop street there is room and to spare for half a dozen celebrations without interfering with Christmas shoppers.

And the more merriment Honolulu can scare up the better! One of the signs of a live city is bustle on the streets, and the true carnival spirit is as effective in loosening the purse-strings as any method yet devised.

## MISUNDERSTANDING OF EUGENICS

The recent movement here to promote the principles of eugenics has been received in some quarters with sneers that are not at all warranted and betray ridiculous ignorance of the entire subject of race-culture. It is not unusual for the sneers to be against what is called "breeding people like cattle".

As a matter of fact, thousands of people are practicing eugenics to whom the thought of marrying men and women on the basis of physical aptitude merely is entirely repugnant. It is only the extremists who are advocating this plan as necessary. There are eugenists who devote their time to bringing up healthy children, to training the child-mind in a systematic and sympathetic manner. The Montessori method is no more an educative than it is an eugenic system. There are eugenists who teach the doctrine of pre-natal influence, and who seek to surround the expectant mother with an environment of beauty and mental stimulus.

In short, eugenics is something more, far more, than "breeding people like cattle". The coarse sneers of the unthinking would be changed to admiration were the aims and ideals of many branches of eugenics understood. In every moment there are extremists, but the extremists do not rule the eugenists as a whole, any more than the dynamiters rule trade unionism, in spite of the sinister revelations of Los Angeles and Indianapolis.

The Carnegie Institute at Cold Springs Harbor, Long Island, has already brought about the scientific application of eugenic principles in more than one hundred families. The eugenics department of this noted institute will shortly report on the results. Eugenics is not a fad, it is not an experiment, and the United States is considerably behind the times in treating it as an experiment, just as those who rant at "breeding people like cattle" are behind the times in applying their objections to the entire subject.

## WHERE "DOLLAR DIPLOMACY" MAY HURT HAWAII

Recent attacks on Uncle Sam's alleged abuse of "dollar diplomacy" in South America come a good deal nearer home to the Hawaiian islands than might appear at first sight.

South American businessmen are threatening

to throw their trade to Europe with the opening of the Panama canal, instead of developing it with the United States. It is true, of course, that Hawaii has no particular trade to develop with South America, but the indirect loss by the failure of commerce to flow north from the countries along the South American coast would be felt here. Hawaii would lose by the general loss of commerce in the north Pacific.

In a recent interview in New York, Carlos Forero, a noted Peruvian capitalist and the minister of finance who in 1899 negotiated an \$11,000,000 loan in Europe, declared that South American countries have little faith in Uncle Sam's adherence to the Monroe doctrine. He said that many another statesman of the republics south of the Mexican line fear that the Americans intend to grab territory where they can.

In spite of the admittedly brilliant abilities of Secretary of State Knox, he will leave office with a very unsatisfactory feeling existing among the countries of South America. This feeling was epitomized by the Peruvian just quoted when he declared, "the United States is sacrificing everything to dollar diplomacy, and we all have the feeling that under the guise of fostering commerce, you are on the lookout for new acquisitions of territory."

## CONGRESSIONAL EXTRAVAGANCE

The extravagance of Congress in allowing "leave to print" to any congressman who wishes to get a 40,000-word speech that he never made out into his district for campaign purposes, has long been a favorite theme for the idol-smashers. Now comes Public Printer Donnelly, who presides over the big printing-office at Washington, with the declaration that most of the documents published find their way to the waste-paper room instead of out into the country. Donnelly says that one of the most potent factors in public extravagance is the printing of documents without any consideration as to whether or not they are needed for the information of the public.

Even out to remote Hawaii there comes a vast quantity of congressional literature that is of little value. Libraries want many of the documents for reference, but thousands of pounds are carried through the mails at a useless expenditure of public money.

Jonathan Bourne, whose dream of a National Progressive Republican league went up in smoke about the time Col. Roosevelt threw his hat into the ring and absorbed all the available limelight, is again trying to work his ideas off on the charitable voters of the country. Republicans in Hawaii have recently received a circular letter setting forth Senator Bourne's views of the needs of the party and stating that in view of the proposed reorganization of the G. O. P., these views are again timely.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin is ending its first six months of life. It was established on July 1 of this year. Today's issue of thirty-eight pages carries more bona-fide advertising than any holiday issue of any paper in the islands has ever before carried. The reason is simple: the Honolulu Star-Bulletin "delivers the goods", both to its advertisers and to the readers who make its circulation a record-breaker for Hawaii.

How science does stride along! We've had the aeroplane, the autoplane, the hydroplane and the hydroneroplane, and now, according to news dispatches, a European country is going to get autonomy!

Another indictment for assault on a girl of tender years! One or two more such cases and there will be no further speculation as to whether a whipping-post is needed in Honolulu.

We thought that the war was between the Balkan allies and the Turks. It isn't. It's a war between the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance.

The Servian charge that the United States has no "historical background" ought to be indignantly denied. We have T. R.

President Taft is probably going to reside in New Haven so that he can see Yale and Princeton lose now and then.

Pity the Kaiser can't enforce the curfew law on his troublesome son.

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### PLUMBING ORDINANCE WOULD CREATE MONOPOLY.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—In your issue of the 19th inst., Mr. Milverton says of my opposition to the new Plumbing Ordinance that the Supreme Court did not declare the old ordinance invalid, as claimed by me.

My opposition to the former ordinance and to the present one was chiefly directed against the provisions requiring every person doing plumbing work to first have a license. Under the former ordinance, as well as the present, a person cannot do any plumbing on his own premises, even, except emergency plumbing, without being a licensed plumber, no matter how competent he may be or how perfectly the work should be done. Upon the validity of the plumbing ordinance our Supreme Court said:

Section 2, is, in full, as follows: "From and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, or corporation to carry on the business of or do any plumbing work in the city and county of Honolulu, until he or they shall have first registered at the office of the Plumbing Inspector. Section 3 provides for the issuance of licenses to persons, firms and corporations registered under section 2 upon payment of an annual fee of ten dollars. Section 4 requires all applicants for a license to furnish a bond, with surety, in the sum of five hundred dollars conditioned to indemnify the municipality from all claims which may be made against it for or on account of any injury sustained by any person by or in consequence of any act of the licensee, his agents or servants, in or about the work permitted to be done by such license, or on account of any violation of the provisions of the ordinance, and to pay to the municipality any penalty recovered against the licensee for any violation of the ordinance. . . . We hold these sections to be inoperative."

This was all I aimed at in that case. They were the only sections that could create a plumbing monopoly.

It matters but little how painfully in detail the ordinance points out what shall constitute proper plumbing. I did not object, nor do I believe anyone objects, to any reasonable provision requiring plumbing to be sanitary.

The claim that the ordinance was not knocked out by this decision, is on the par with claiming that a house struck by tornado and twisted all out of shape and crushed and broken is still a house, for the reason that some of the pieces may remain intact.

But it looks very much as though the law was knocked out, otherwise why did Mr. Milverton have an entirely new ordinance passed at the expense of over five hundred dollars. If there was anything left of the old ordinance, why was it not amended at a much less cost, for Mr. Milverton says that the old plumbing ordinance was remarkably free from defects, though he says he had nothing to do with the drawing of it. It matters little whether it was his by creation or adoption. He certainly adopted the monstrosity and defended it with such an appearance of belief in its legality that I mistook his zeal in the case as an indication of a defense of his own creation. He says it was remarkably free from defects. I claim it was full of defects, but as that is a dead issue, I will confine myself to the present ordinance, which I believe contains most of the defects of the old and some additional ones.

First, the law is an unreasonable and vexatious interference with the right to labor; second, it is discriminatory in that it effects plumbers only, and there is no reason why it should not equally effect bricklayers, masons, carpenters and all other mechanical trades effecting the construction of buildings. It requires no more skill to lay a pipe than to lay a brick or join a board. All kinds of building work should be regulated by proper building ordinances to comply with certain specifications, and anyone who can do the work according to those specifications should be allowed to do it; three, it is vicious in that it tends to create a monopoly, and bears especially hard on the poor in the erection of inexpensive dwellings, where high class plumbers are not required and cannot ordinarily be employed; four, it is unfair and hypocritical, being principally directed against the Orientals, but does not come out man fashion and say that they shall be prevented from engaging in the work of plumbing; five, it absurdly requires that a plumber shall have passed satisfactory examination on his knowledge of the ordinances of the city and county of Honolulu, the regulations of the board of health of the territory of Hawaii, and the laws of the territory of Hawaii regulating plumbing; six, it

leaves too much with the discretion of the examining board. It is highly improbable if any person could secure a license if the board should, for any reason, have a prejudice against him; seven, it is entirely unnecessary as all that it is designed to accomplish can be accomplished under proper building ordinances; eight, it subjects the county to a large expense in carrying out its provisions and thereby needlessly causes the money of the county to be wasted; nine, it tends clearly to create a plumbing monopoly.

There are other defects, but I ought not to take up any more space in pointing them out, for these are sufficient to absolutely condemn it.

I think the mayor should be heartily commended for his stand in vetoing the ordinance.

J. ALFRED MAGOON.

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### HOW ABOUT THIS!

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—Does Honolulu have an ordinance establishing a rule of behavior for vehicles when our fire-fighting apparatus is called out?

Your editorial yesterday, captioned "A Needed Auto Regulation" has induced me to set forth an incident I witnessed on King street, directly opposite the opera house, one day early this week.

In response to a fire alarm, the city's big auto truck was bearing full speed down that thoroughfare. In front of the big machine were two private motor cars, apparently driven by experienced men, for each took to the curb as soon as the driver heard the clang of the bells, and came to a complete stop, remaining until all the apparatus had passed.

But there were two other cars, coming up King street toward the truck. One fell in behind the other and the leading driver kept the middle of the street at his original speed, which must have been at least twenty-five miles an hour. The fire truck driver did the only thing reasonable under the circumstances—swerved sharply to the right. The truck skidded badly and nearly plunged into the curb, but finally righted and went ahead. The two private automobiles speeded merrily on their way, down the middle of King street, and were nearly a block away before the fire truck had straightened out again for its run. And the writer was so deeply shocked by the spectacle that he didn't think to look after the fleeing cars until they were out of sight. A large number of persons besides the men on the fire truck and myself witnessed this shameful affair, but I don't think anyone had the presence of mind to catch the number of the offending automobile.

It was no fault of that private car driver that one or more firemen were not killed or badly injured, and the truck wrecked. Yours truly,

PEDESTRIAN.

### DRIVER OF AUTO EXPLAINS ACCIDENT.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—I would like to give a correct report of an accident that took place at Moiliili yesterday, as the facts were not properly stated in the morning's paper, as there was no reporter on the scene. A Japanese boy about six years old was crossing the road alone about one-eighth of a mile behind a crowd of people going up the hill. My machine was going twelve miles an hour. I blew the horn and slowed down. He crossed the road out of harm's way. When almost opposite him, he suddenly darted across again in front of the machine. The tire struck him a glancing blow.

I picked him up although he was able to walk and took him into a nearby shop, and washed the dirt from him and found he was only bruised. He was on his feet and all right except for his fright when I left him. When the patrol arrived, they took him to the hospital as a matter of routine, as he was not unconscious at any time. I telephoned to the hospital and they told me they didn't think it worth while to retain him, as he was only slightly bruised. It was not thought worth while even to record the case. I mention these facts because it was said that I did not stop to inquire about the child and also for the reason that I am considered a careful driver and not a speeder. Most auto-drivers are careful, and it is unjust to us to publish an incorrect report when the facts can be ascertained by consulting both parties to the case.

H. P. NOTTAGE, M.D.

A motor cycle section is a new feature of the floral parade to which attention is being given now. There are nearly two hundred motor cycles in Honolulu, and some of the owners are anxious to get in the parade, and think they can make a striking show while regulating plumbing; six, it

## PERSONALITIES

HON. MANUEL QUEZON, Philippine delegate to Washington, is proceeding to the mainland after having attended a session of the insular assembly held at Manila. The delegate is a through passenger in the Shinyo Maru.

MISS ANNE DOROTHY, MARGARET AND ALICE KING, the daughters of U. S. Consul Thomas King at Hakodate, Japan, are passengers in the Shinyo Maru en route to the mainland, where they will enter school.

J. BOSWORTH, general traffic agent representing the Grace line of steamships in the Pacific as well as the Atlantic, is a through passenger in the Shinyo Maru. He has completed a general tour of inspection throughout the Far East.

CHARLES D. WILLETS, a San Francisco business man who has become interested in the cultivation of pineapples, is completing a tour of the East as a passenger in the Japanese liner Shinyo Maru. Mr. Willets will remain in the islands for some weeks.

J. FIGUERAS, a prominent shipowner and sugar planter in the Philippines with extensive interests at Manila and Iloilo, will spend some time in Hawaii, making careful investigation of methods now in vogue here.

Mr. Figueras was a passenger in the Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner Shinyo Maru from the Orient.

CHARLES and MRS. MACKENZIE, are round the world tourists from Scotland, who are completing a trip across the Pacific in the Japanese liner Shinyo Maru.

er Shinyo Maru. They expect to spend some time in the islands before resuming the voyage to the mainland.

Y. AKAI, a local business man returned from a trip to Japan in the liner Shinyo Maru.

GEORGE WYMAN celebrated his birthday last Saturday by giving a dinner at Shady Nook.

CHING WAI YUE, a Honolulu born Chinese, returned from an extended visit to China in the Shinyo Maru this morning.

Y. OYAMA, Japanese consular representative at Los Angeles, California, is returning to his post of duty as a passenger in the liner Shinyo Maru.

C. J. MOON, a prominent merchant, with headquarters at Kobe, Japan, is on a business and pleasure trip to the States. He is a passenger in the Shinyo Maru that arrived at Honolulu this morning.

DR. H. SPENCER HOUGH, associated with the United States Marine Hospital and Public Health Service in the Far East is a through passenger to the mainland in the Shinyo Maru. Of late years Dr. Hough has been stationed at Hongkong.

Director General Chillingworth received notice this morning from Secretary Gerrit P. Wilder, that the Honolulu park commission acted favorably upon his communication asking that the commission maintain the grandstand and fence at Kapiolani park until February 22, and allow the use of same by the carnival and parade organization. The letter from Mr. Wilder further said: "Any arrangement you may make with the New Year's Day races committee regarding fences will be satisfactory to us."

## Your Last Will

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You old kamaainas, who have lived in Honolulu for years, will remember the box of fresh eggs at Nolte's. This box of fresh eggs is from the Bellina ranch. Thirty minutes from the center of the city, we have a few acres left adjoining the Bellina ranch, suitable in every way for raising chickens. Surplus eggs are just like money in the bank. A very small cash payment will pay for one of these acre-lots. If you are in doubt or if you are skeptical in regard to the chicken-raising business in this locality, interview Mr. Williamson of 6th Avenue. In addition to this acre property, we have the following residence property:

We have property for sale in this district as follows:  
House and two lots, Palolo Hill ..... \$3500.00  
House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise ..... \$2500.00  
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki ..... \$2500.00  
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki ..... \$2500.00  
3 lots, cor. Kaimuki and Eighteenth Ave ..... \$1450.00  
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Fine building lot 12,981 sq. ft. .... \$2000  
PUNAHOU—6-room house and cottage ..... \$6000  
1½ story modern cottage ..... \$4500  
Modern 5-room bungalow ..... \$4850  
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